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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 05306

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRISONERS IN GUINEA

1. JOCHUM (FONOFF WEST AFRICA DESK) HAS INFORMED US THAT LABADIE, PCF LAWYER AND FRIEND OF SEKOU TOURE, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM GUINEA CARRYING 25 LETTERS FROM EUROPEAN PRISONERS. THESE LETTERS INCLUDE A HANDWRITTEN MESSAGE FROM THE GERMAN PRISONER MARX. THE LETTER FROM MARX, WHICH APPEARS TO BE AUTHENTIC, REFERRED TO LETTERS AND PACKAGES WHICH PRISONER UNDERSTOOD HAD BEEN SENT TO HIM BUT WHICH HE HAD NOT RECEIVED. MARX GOES ON TO SAY " THINGS HERE ARE AS ONE MIGHT EXPECT THEM TO BE" AND THAT HE HOPES TO BE RELEASED " IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME, I. E. IN THE NEXT WEEKS".

2. LABADIE SAID HE ALSO MET BRIEFLY WITH SEKOU TOURE DURING HIS MARCH 26- APRIL 2 VISIT AND GAVE SEKOU LETTER APPEALING FOR FAIR TREATMENT AND EARLY RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS; SEKOU ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTED THIS LETTER TO OTHER GUINEAN OFFICIALS. LABADIE' S DISCUSSION OF THE PRISONER PROBLEM WITH GUINEAN OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE SUBJECT IS NO LONGER
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TABOO IN GOG; SOME OFFICIALS SAID ISSUE WOULD BE
DISCUSSED FORTHER AND THAT PROGRESS POSSIBLE. LABADIE
ADDED THAT HE WOULD JOIN PCF DEL PLANNING TO VISIT
GUINEA IN MAY AND THAT SUBJECT WOULD COME UP AGAIN.

3. JOCHUM SAID FONOFF SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY RECEIPT
OF LETTER FROM MARX BUT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT YET
EXPECT HIS EARLY RELEASE.
HILLENBRAND

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